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The Hooker Homestead Destroyed By A Fire Was Historical House

The Hooker Homestead, which was destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening of last week, as announced in last Friday's Press, was the second oldest residence in Hinsdale and of important historical associations. The house was built about 1764 and was of a decided Colonial style. It was built by Rev. Bunker Gay, the first minister to arrive in the settlement of that area and occupied a commanding position with an extensive view of the Connecticut river valley and the hills to the westward and about Northfield. The Rev. Mr. Gay, while devoting himself to the requirements of his people and parish, also found time to write, and he has passed on to generations his book, entitled, "The Fair Captive," being the story of Jemima Sartwell's life, which was published in 1800, and formed the basis for the recent historical novel by Marguerite Allie, "Not Without Peril."

So here is the background, which placed the Hooker Homestead in the list of historical places. Many booklovers and writers have visited the place in their study of the story of Jemima, which records a most fascinating experience in the life of woman, associated with the early settlement of this territory, when the Indians roamed the land and carried out their daring exploits.

Rev. Mr. Gay's daughter married Seth Hooker, whose name the place bore, and since then several generations of the Hooker family have lived in the homestead, the last member being the late Anson Hooker.

Mr. Welles Passes Suddenly In New York

Henry Hunter Welles, died suddenly following a stroke, at his home in New York City, on Thursday of last week at the age of 81 years. The funeral service was held last Saturday. Mrs. Welles had passed in death about six weeks ago and they were the parents of Mrs. Elliott Spear, who is with the Ethel Walker school at Simsbury, Conn. They had frequently visited Northfield when Mrs. Spear and her late husband resided at their home on Main street and at Ford cottage at Mount Hermon.

Miss Cora L. Moore

Information was received in Northfield this week of the death of Miss Cora L. Moore of Pasadena, California, which took place on Monday, January 4th. She was 80 years of age and was a native of Northfield, a sister of the late Merrill T. Moore of Maple street. Miss Moore was a member of the first class of Northfield Seminary and after her graduation took up teaching. After a brief experience she took up the work of teaching under the auspices of the Presbyterian Board of Missions and went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she remained until her retirement a number of years ago. She then went to California to reside at the Monte Vista Grove Home at Pasadena. The funeral services were held there.

Seminary-Hermon Speakers Sunday

The morning speaker in Sage Chapel this Sunday, January 17, will be Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield schools. The service will be held at 11 a. m. The Rev. Harold B. Ingalls will lead the vespers service at 5 p. m. At Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel the speaker at the 10:30 a. m. service will be Mr. Spencer Parsons, an alumnus of Hermon and graduate of Denison University, who is at present at Andover-Newtown Theological Seminary. There will be a song service in the chapel at 5:30 p. m.

Less Gypsy Moth Seen

It will be a source of satisfaction to learn from the experts that there is less evidence of the prevalence of the gypsy moth clusters this year than for several years past. Not that the gypsy moth is not with us but gradually the pest has been gotten rid of, by the efficient work which has been done. The old hurricane timber had produced much of the reason for its increase the past few years, but as this wood has been cut and burned for fuel, the gypsy moth is showing a disappearance.

Wild Life Starving Our Game Club Alive To Save By Feeding

Northfield's local Fish and Game Club are doing a most commendable act during the past week in the purchase and scattering of feed in the woodlands about this community, in order to preserve the wild life, which now, owing to the hard frozen ice and snow, finds it very difficult to get food for its existence. The situation throughout all this territory has been the worst for years. The hard frozen ice under the snow makes it impossible for animals to scratch the ground and reach it where its food is to be found. Reports have come in from various places of the finding of frozen animals in death and woodsmen and others going through the woodlands say the situation is serious. Last Saturday a shipment of grain came through, and its distribution began from the northern end of the town to its southern boundary. Headed by George Sheldon of the Game Club, several persons were out on Sunday last on this errand of mercy. Now every householder is urged to join in the crusade, put out the crumbs for the birds and not only supply those near your home, but to scatter it in wider areas. Let the children go out on feeding errands, and engage in the task. Everybody feed the birds, they will repay us in the spring. Everybody now do something to help feed all wildlife.

The Health Council Had Successful Year

The annual meeting of the Health Council was held in the town hall Monday afternoon and the following officers elected: Miss Anne Mattoon, chairman; Mrs. George Carr, vice-chairman; Mrs. Roger Greenwood, treasurer; Mrs. Carroll Miller, secretary. Mrs. William Marshall and Mrs. Louis Van Phelen were elected members of the council. Reports were read by the chairman showing the work accomplished during the year. This included providing full dental care for nineteen children, partial care for five more. School lunches were supplied several undernourished children and many other children were given special attention. The treasurer's report showed \$108.25 was spent during the year and a good balance on hand. Since the reorganization of the Council in November, 1938, \$399.30 has been spent for social service.

Fortnightly Meeting

At the meeting of the Fortnightly last Friday afternoon in Alexander Hall, Mrs. Helen Gethman of the Northfield Seminary spoke on "Siam As I Knew Her and the Thailand of Today." Mrs. Gethman told most interestingly of her life as a girl in Siam where her father was Minister plenipotentiary to Siam from the United States. Thailand, as she is now known, was beginning to take her place among the modern nations of the world when the Japanese violated her neutrality.

The musical part of the afternoon program was two piano duets by Mrs. Charles H. Webster and Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed. Tea was served by Mrs. George Pefferle, Mrs. Joseph Field, and Mrs. Charles Johnson. Friday, January 22, there will be a full afternoon's music program arranged by the Music committee. Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed will conduct a program called "Songs of Our Wars."

Tire Certificates Given By Rationing Board

The following were granted certificates for tires by the local Rationing Board since the last report was issued: George N. Kidder, 2 new truck tires, 2 new tubes, 3 retreads (truck); Sidney Given, 2 retreads (passenger); Frank Maynard, 2 new grade 3 tires (passenger); Jerome Lamoria, 2 new grade 2 tires (passenger); Ralph Leach, 2 new grade 2 tires (passenger); Alfred Holton, 2 retread tires (passenger); Kenneth Miller, 1 retread (passenger); Donald Finch, 2 new grade 3 tires (passenger); Shirley Kehl, 1 new grade 3 tire (passenger).

Kidder Has Them

George N. Kidder, our enterprising merchant, is to carry the new Warm Morning Coal Heater, released by the government for sale. It holds 100 lbs. of coal and can be located in any room where a chimney is available. It ought to solve some of our heating problems.

The Victory Book Appeal Meets Success Only Good Books Need

As announced in last week's Press, the 1943 Victory Book campaign is now under way, and starting throughout the nation last week will end on March 5th. In previous drives large contributions of books were made but in the collection many were found to be antiquated, in poor condition and

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What is wanted in this drive is not quantity but quality in books, the kind of book that you yourself would read and appreciate.

If you have any of such books in your possession and would part with them, send them to the local Victory committee at the Dickinson Library, or send them to the High School or Center school to the Principal's office by the school children where they will be called for. This will save a trip to the library and also gasoline.

Books contributed from the Seminary may be left at Kenard Hall and from Mount Hermon school at the Carmean store where they will be called for. Mark them for Victory Book committee.

Blossoms As Writer And Appears In Print

Editors and writers are blossoming forth in Northfield, despite the severe rigors of the winter climate, and the lack of "gas" for pleasure. Perhaps it is the long, lonely winter nights when one sits before the fireplace with his thoughts in deep meditation that brings forth the urge to record the dormant ability of the soul. The editor of the Press can testify that the silence of the night, the witching hour of midnight and the flickering flame are all aids to the concentration of prose and writing. The latest individual in town to burst into prominence is none other than Frank W. Pearsall, publicity director of the Northfield schools, who in the magazine "Publicity Problems" of January, fills two and a half pages of a most educative and illuminating story of "How we do it at Northfield." The article deals with publicity as it is conducted with the schools, and is also the story of the schools, as the public get it from the columns of the daily and weekly newspapers. In addition is the underlying activity of the writer and of his plan and purpose in setting forth the best presentation of happenings. The article is well written and the writer deserves the congratulations of his friends. Mr. Pearsall came to the Northfield schools in a fund raising campaign for \$3,000,000 and at its conclusion in 1929 was invited to remain as a member of the staff. He served in charge of the schools' publications for three years and then with the department of public relations and fund raising. In 1933 he became publicity director which office he holds today. Mr. Pearsall is just "Frank" to his friends and he has given of himself in many endeavors.

Must Carry Their Cards

According to instructions from Washington, all men in the 18-45 age groups who have been subject to Selective Service registration, must for six months, beginning February 1, carry with them their draft classification cards. Failure to carry both classification and registration cards subjects the offender to penalty. In case such cards have been lost, a replacement may be secured by applying to the draft board.

Local Garden Club Cancels Annual Supper Postpones All Meetings

The local Garden Club, through consideration by its Executive committee, has made a cancellation of plans for the annual supper which was scheduled for Monday evening, February 1st, at the Unitarian church vestry. It has also postponed future meetings indefinitely owing to the existing gasoline ruling. Inasmuch as the larger proportion of its membership would find it difficult to get to the meetings without the use of their automobiles, this action was felt the wisest and most patriotic at this time. The problem of obtaining speakers under present conditions also was considered. This action of the Garden Club marks the first gesture of patriotic endeavor among the organizations of Northfield to conserve gasoline according to the best interpretation of the new rulings of the O. P. A. The Garden Club has over 100 members and in co-operation with government assistance will urge the public shortly to plan in the making and conduct of Victory gardens for next summer. There must be more fruit and vegetables grown on the home place. There will be no flower show held in 1943.

Has Been Reappointed Farm Credit Board

Reappointment of Edward R. Eastman of Ithaca, N. Y., as a member of the Farm Credit Board of Springfield for a three-year term beginning January 1, 1943, has been announced by A. G. Black, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration.

As a member of the Farm Credit Board of Springfield, Mr. Eastman will serve as a director of the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Production Credit Corporation, and the Bank for Co-operatives. All of these are permanent units of the Farm Credit Administration, which serves the farmers of New England, New York and New Jersey.



Edward R. Eastman

Mr. Eastman for many years has been an outstanding agricultural editor and publisher. He has been active in farm organizations, is a member of the State and National Grange, a trustee of Cornell University, a member of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the New York State Horticultural Society and the New York State Fair Advisory Board. He has served as a director of the Springfield credit institutions continuously since 1931.

The Grange Installs

The Northfield Grange held a session at the Grande hall on Tuesday evening and the officers elected for the coming year were installed by Deputy Ralph Blackmer. A program of entertainment followed and a one act skit, in which Father Time disposed of the year 1942. Those taking the parts were Lewis Shink, Emory Kirk, Bernard Whitney, Lawrence Ferris, and Ethel Miller. There were parts taken for singing and speaking during the evening and refreshments were served.

Rationing Notice

Attention is called again that applications for supplemental ration cards must be filed a week in advance with the Rationing Board. Office hours are maintained Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 to 4 o'clock; Thursday 12 to 4 and 7 through evening. Saturday, 8 to 12. Saturday afternoon and Monday closed to the public.

The local Assessors have begun their annual visit to the homes of our citizens checking up on real estate and properties.



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Circulate Nomination Papers Town Officers

Nomination papers have been circulated in town this week in behalf of candidates for the various town offices for the ensuing year. The list includes candidates for every expiring office and they will be voted upon at the annual meeting of the town on Monday, February 1st. Since no partisan caucus was called, either by the Republicans or Democrats, the nominations were the result of individual action, but prompted by the Republicans. The direct nomination procedure leaves the way open for any person to file as an independent candidate, but thus far it has been a task to ensure a complete slate and present incumbents have been prevailed upon to stand for a re-election. This simple method is the original plan for nominations and is largely used in many communities without strong partisan leanings, and in Orange the same procedure is also now being followed.

High School News

A special assembly was held last Friday morning. The Governor's proclamation for New Orleans Day was read by Glen Murray, and Alice Stevens and Irving Scott spoke on the most important events leading up to and following the battle of New Orleans.

Supt. Mr. Taylor then spoke about the new skating rink and plans for a carnival and a hockey team.

Our part in the war and what we can do to help was explained, also.

At a recent assembly, Dr. Fairbanks gave a most interesting and educational talk on India.

Barbara Harris has been chosen the Good Citizen girl by the students and faculty. Each year the Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution sponsor this project. Girls from all over the state are chosen by their schools for possessing the following qualities: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. At the D. A. R. state conference in March the name of one girl is drawn, and she then becomes the Good Citizenship Pilgrim and is given a free trip to some place of historical interest.

The annual oratorical contest sponsored by the Haven Spencer Post of the American Legion will be held in Alexander hall, Thursday, January 21, at 8 p. m.

The speakers are as follows: Juniors, Naomi Goldberg, Karlene Tyler, Betty Phelps, and Fay Warnock; Seniors, Esther Szeszowski and Shirley Severance. Each speaker will deliver an original essay on the subjects of democracy and the Constitution.

Several selections will be sung by the girls' quartet accompanied by Betty Phelps at the piano.



"Snow Village" personalities who greet you five mornings a week over WBZ-WBZA are Parker Fennelly, left, as "Hiram Neville" and Arthur Allen as "Dan Dickey," who play the leads in these popular rural New England sketches.

Brotherhood Meeting To Hear Noted Speaker

The first meeting of the Northfield Brotherhood for the new year will be held next Tuesday evening at the Congregational church. The speaker will be Professor Edward L. Curtis, chairman of the history department at Wesleyan college. Dr. Curtis is a particular authority on South America. The title of his address will be "Recent Trends in Inter-American Relations."

This subject is one which is especially timely in these days, and the brotherhood is fortunate to hear it discussed by one who is exceedingly well informed.

As usual the program will begin with a supper, served at 6:30 o'clock by the ladies of the Congregational church under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Addison. An offering will be taken to defray expenses.

All the men of the community are invited to the meeting on Tuesday evening. It is hoped that in spite of transportation difficulties a large attendance will be had to share in a very interesting program.

South Vernon Church Holds Annual Meeting

At the recent annual meeting of the Advent Christian church of South Vernon, the reports rendered of the year's effort was most encouraging and the church looks forward to the coming year, for greater accomplishments and development, under the leadership of its new pastor, Rev. Elvin Blackstone, who with his wife, have arrived from Lafayette, R. I., and taken residence at the parsonage.

Officials chosen at the meeting were: Rev. F. H. Leavitt, moderator; clerk, E. W. Dunklee; treasurer, A. A. Dunklee; trustees, Rev. Mr. Leavitt, Robert C. Allen, Warren Dunklee; deacons, Rev. Mr. Leavitt and A. A. Dunklee; deaconesses, Mrs. F. H. Leavitt, Mrs. A. H. Farnum; flower committee, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, Mrs. A. H. Farnum, Mrs. George Day; singing committee, Warren G. Brown, Warren B. Dunklee, Mrs. Mildred Dunklee, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson; social committee, the mission society; music committee, E. W. Dunklee, Mrs. F. H. Leavitt, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, Edgar Grant; ushers, Warren B. Dunklee, Leroy Barnes, Courtland Dunklee, Glenn Murray.

Young-Tenney

Miss Grace Florence Tenney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Tenney and William John Young, all residents of Northfield Farms, were married last Sunday morning at the Advent Christian church in South Vernon in a single ring ceremony with Rev. Elvin B. Blackstone, the pastor, officiating.

The bride couple was attended by Miss Elsie Tenney, as maid of honor, and Norman Way as best man. Rachel Parsons, a niece of the bride, was flower girl. Mrs. Norman Fowler played the traditional wedding marches. Courtland Dunklee and Harold Parsons served as ushers.

The bride wore a gown of white satin with a train and carried pink roses. The maid of honor was attired in blue satin and had a bouquet of yellow roses. The flower girl carried an old-fashioned bouquet. The church was decorated with evergreens.

Miss Tenney is a graduate of the Northfield High school and operates the retail milk delivery business in Northfield for her father, Mr. Young, formerly of Portsmouth, R. I., is employed by the Tenney Farms, Inc. After a short wedding trip the young couple will make their home in this town.

Orlando Oranges Good Three Tons Come Here Filling Local Orders

The citizens of Northfield have proven above all, that they like oranges, especially of the choice sweet fruit that comes from Orlando, Florida, from the orange groves of Spurgeon Gage and his neighbors. The season for shipping opened last November and again this year, as for several years past, an advertisement in the Press called attention that orders could be taken. These orders came along regularly and were forwarded through the kindness of Harold F. Bigelow of the East Northfield Postoffice. Last week Mr. Gage writes that he had just sent his 90th bushel to Northfield and the total exceeded three tons of the finest fruit ever grown. All shipments came by express and the local representative of the American Railway Express, Mr. Pefferle, has certainly handled "some bushels." In seven weeks, Mr. Gage has sent out 700 bushels from Orlando and that is a lot of fruit. Many summer residents are among his constant patrons and members of the Northfield colony now wintering in Orlando, have the privilege and pleasure of taking the fruit direct from the trees. Mr. and Mrs. Gage have welcomed Northfield friends at their home and among some items of interest, is that the Coburns are very well; that Richard L. Watson has a fine garden and enjoyed fresh green peas on January first. All the Northfield folks are well and these include Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Watson, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. T. T. Brown, Mrs. C. P. Buffum, Mrs. Amos P. Field, Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan.

Christmas Committee Will Continue Work

The Christmas committee, composed of some 25 women from the various sections of the town, including the Seminary and Mount Hermon, have accomplished their purpose in many ways with satisfaction and they will continue in efforts in behalf of the service men. They are grateful not only for the warm response they received from the town in response to their project for our service men, but also for the success in reaching the men, as is witnessed by our acknowledgments now being received daily. After paying for the dollar money orders, the fee and the stamps they involved, and for the printing of the town cards, \$45 remains as a nest egg for the "Service Men's Fund," which the committee is starting in a savings bank account. The whole committee will work during 1943 to increase this fund, but a smaller body of five ladies will constitute an executive committee, who will vote on the disposal of any part of the funds, should an immediate need arise.

Besides grateful letters from wives and mothers of our service men, about 25 acknowledgments have been received from the soldiers and sailors themselves. The thank-you letter which traveled the farthest says, "It gave me great pleasure to receive your Christmas card and gift, which arrived here December 23. I wish to express my sincerest appreciation, and to thank you and your friends for your kindness and thoughtfulness. You cannot realize how much it means to us over here to know you are thinking of us over there. Your message traveled thousands of miles, across the Pacific, below the equator, to one of a group of islands, which even in war time can still claim to be among the most beautiful. Yet my eyes never beheld anything more beautiful than the picture of my home town on your Christmas card." This answer took fourteen days to come to Northfield.

Anyone wishing to see these acknowledgments, may do so by calling Northfield 549, and making an appointment with Mrs. E. M. Powell.

Guess We Must Walk

Quite interesting and educative was a series of questions and answers published in the N. Y. Times last Sunday, explanatory of the "out for pleasure" driving by automobiles. The replies were authoritative by O. P. A. officials and one of the items, concerns many people anxious in their loyalty to their organizations to attend the meetings. The question and answer published was as follows:

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W. Northfield-So. Vernon

A. A. Dunklee has been chosen for the 57th year superintendent of the Sunday school of the South Vernon church. Chosen as his assistants were Rev. F. H. Leavitt and Gordon C. Buffum.

Miss Marjorie Tyler, Miss Helen Scherlin and Mrs. Rolland Wood have returned to their work of teaching after spending the holiday vacation at their homes here.

As a result of the prohibition of pleasure driving, owing to the oil and gasoline situation, several organization meetings and social affairs have been cancelled.

Rev. Ronald S. Bezanson of Meredith, N. H., who recently declined a call to the pastorate of the South Vernon church, has accepted a call to the church at Penfield, N. Y.

Clyde Hewitt, son of Rev. Clarence H. Hewitt of Aurora, Ill., who was a former pastor here, is a member of the army signal corps and in foreign service.

Miss Vera Vaughan has gone to Charlestown, N. H., for an indefinite stay with her mother, Mrs. Fred Reed.

Owen Stacey, who is employed at Mount Hermon school, is taking a mechanic's course at the Greenfield High school during the evening hours.

Sgt. Rolland Wood, who has been stationed with the army at Baltimore, has been sent to the officers' training school in Texas. Mrs. Wood is the former Elva Martineau of this town.

Services will be as usual at the South Vernon church on Sunday. Morning worship at 10:30; Sunday school at 11:45; Loyal Workers, 6:30, and evening service at 7:30.

Congregational Church

Services on Sunday and events of the week are as follows:

Sunday at 10, Sunday school; 11, Morning worship. Sermon by Mr. Dahl. 3, Sunday school at Schoolhouse No. 4, Northfield Farms, conducted by Mr. Nielsen. 6:30, Christian Endeavor meeting. Guest speaker.

Monday at 7:15 p. m., Boy Scout meeting; at 8 p. m., the Friendly Class will hold an important meeting at the home of Mrs. W. R. Moody. All urged to attend.

Tuesday at 6:30, the Northfield Brotherhood. Supper meeting. Prof. Edward E. Curtis, chairman of the History department, Wellesley college, will speak.

Wednesday at 8 o'clock, the W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Lazelle on Glenwood avenue.

Thursday at 10, the Sewing Society will meet in the vestry; 6:30, the second session of the Missionary Institute will be held. The families of the church meet for supper at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30 will center about the Towles and Miss Campbell, "Our Own Missionaries." Pictures will be shown and letters and reports read of the work that the church supports in India and Alabama. 8, Choir rehearsal in the vestry.

The Unitarian Church

Services next Sunday morning at 10:45 a. m.: Service of worship, sermon topic: "The Importance of Living." Rev. Arthur Heeb, minister, Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, choir leader and organist. A cordial welcome extended to all. Church school at 10 a. m. Topic: "Ruts in Your Road."

Mr. Heeb leads the morning devotion over station WHAI Wednesdays at 9 a. m. Mrs. Goodspeed will sing the hymns.

The class in social expression and dancing will not be held Friday.

The Lenten Manual for 1943 "Faith Forbids Fear" has been received for distribution.

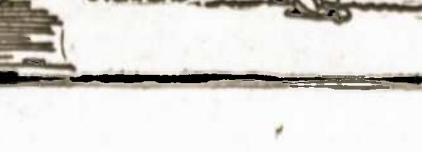
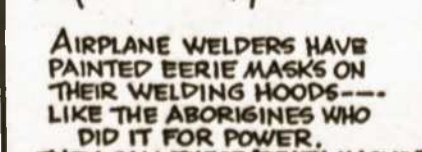
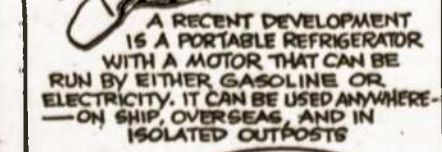
The second Sunday in January is observed in most Unitarian churches as International Sunday.

The Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom represents some 20 million liberals throughout the world. Speaking on "One God, One Humanity," Mr. Heeb said in part: Liberal religion, differing on the question of authority, proclaims that it cannot defer its authority—it must create it. Therefore, is the liberal to be called weak or foolish, because he has a supreme confidence in humanity? Quoting Isaiah 32, some unknown writer expresses it exactly. "The liberal man deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand, for the spirit of the Lord is upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding."

With Hitler's dictum, "What religion has done in 1,000 years—we shall do in ten," before the world for repudiation it would be well to remember the answer of Michelangelo when asked to criticize a painting of a fellow artist: "I criticize by creation." So the liberal must be positive. One humanity with God over all. The liberal must not have a "desk mind" he must go and see. Conscience for him is not a private matter, it is for all the world, it is God.

Two things we can do to demonstrate our point of view: Fight prejudice! Anti-Semitism, anti-Negro, and anti-Oriental, conforming to a resolution passed by all our churches last May. Second, insist with Hiram Motherwell peace.

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TOWN TOPICS

Joseph Letwinsky of this town, serving with the army, received a medical discharge for disabilities in line of duty last week, and is at his home here.

Capt. John R. Alvord of Quincy, with the Marine Battalion, has been reported as missing in action at Midway last June and he has been awarded the Navy Cross citation. He is the son of Mrs. Margaret Graham Alvord, who formerly resided in Warwick and who before her marriage attended the Northfield High school and graduated in 1909. She has several classmates in this town who share her sorrow.

Mrs. Caroline Malbon, formerly of this town, who has been making her home in Greenfield, will spend the next two months in Dorchester, Mass.

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church held its scheduled meeting at the home of Mrs. George N. Kidder, Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. V. McNeil, its president, presiding.

Richard A. Cobb, who is with the Coast Guard, was home for a few days this week. He is recovering from a short illness and has been in the hospital.

Miss Ellen Jenkins, teacher of domestic science at the High school, suffered a fall on the ice Tuesday evening and broke her arm. She is at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital for treatment.

Mrs. L. H. Lazelle entertained the Evening Auxiliary at her home on Glenwood avenue last Friday evening and a most interesting program, including the showing of movies, was given.

Joseph Gembalsty of Orange, formerly of this town, is now located at Turners Falls airport as an instructor in the service.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. H. Lazelle on Glenwood avenue.

Miss Helen Durgin has returned to her studies at Colby college after a visit with her grandparents here. Russell Jr., will spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle before returning to Dartmouth.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Lombard of Winchester road at the Farren Memorial Hospital on Thursday, January 7; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lombard, all of this town.

Mrs. Homer Browning, Sr., of the Farms has been visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Marcey, at their home in Providence, R. I.

Otis and Ernest Fisher have begun lumber operations on the former Durkee place at Northfield Farms, which is now owned by the Swift River Box Co. of Athol.

Miss Margaret Ross, a summer resident of the Highlands, who has been visiting friends in Woodstock, Vt., is now located at Lynn Haven in Florida for the remainder of the winter.

Paul Davis, son of Mrs. Eleanor Davis of Main street, was graduated last week at Big Springs, Texas, in the army air force training camp as a bombardier and commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, receiving his wings. He has been transferred to a camp in Arizona for gunnery practice.

The busses passing through town of the new line are doing a good business and many local folks are using them in going to and from Brattleboro and Greenfield.

L. P. Goodspeed, who is cutting timber and cord wood on the Webster acreage out Warwick road, reports a steady demand for everything he can produce.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Susan Roberts McDowell to Sgt. William Metcalf Schutte of Lakeville, Conn. Miss McDowell is a graduate of the Seminary and Katherine Gibbs school and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Allan McDowell of Kent, Conn.

Mr. Schutte is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Schutte and his father is headmaster of the Indian Mountain school in Lakeville.

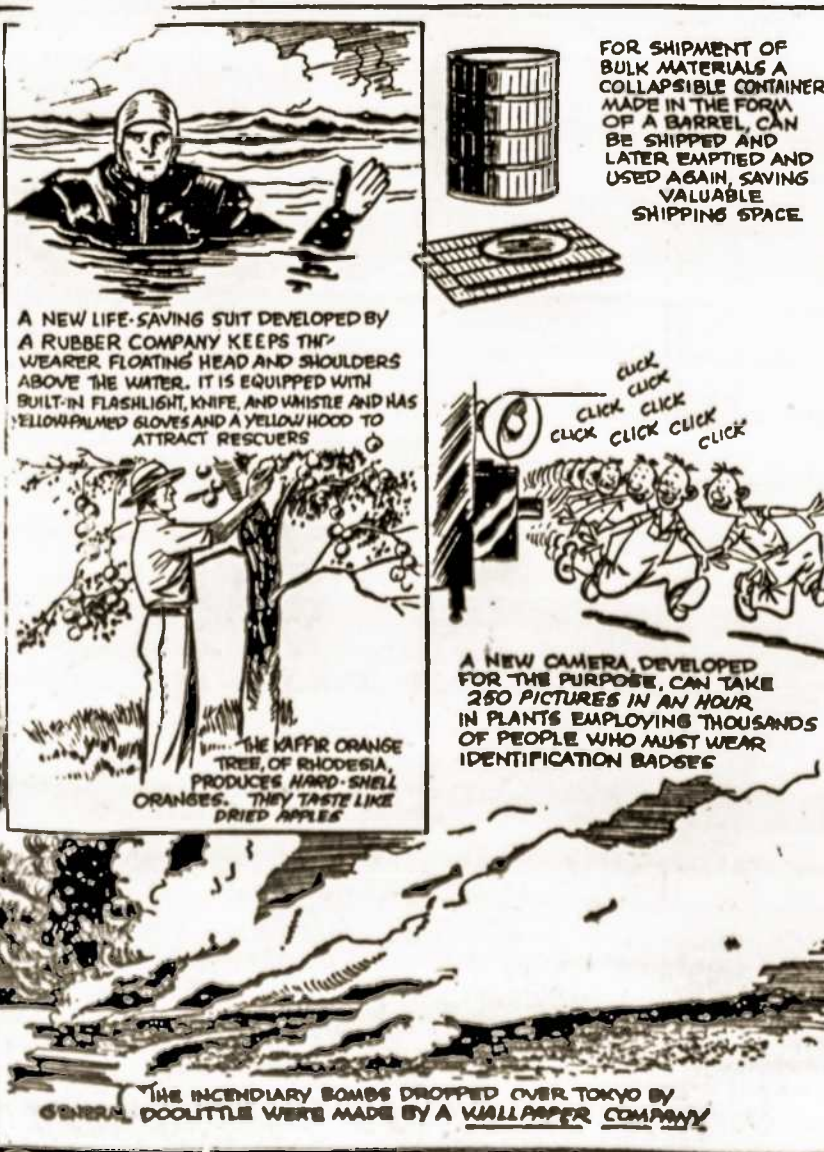
J. Alfred Way and family, formerly of Southington, Conn., is now occupying the former Sunset farm on the Farms road.

During the past week a force of men have been doing some surveying on the state highway in town. They were from the state Highway department and have located outlets and drains for mapping.

The skating has been unusually good on the community rink and on Dickinson Pond at the hotel. Both are equipped for comfort and a large number of skaters have enjoyed the sport nightly.

The Franklin County S. P. C. C. will hold its annual meeting in Greenfield on Thursday, January 28, but will not hold the luncheon nor provide a speaker on the program.

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TOWN TOPICS

Headmaster Frank L. Boyden of Deerfield Academy, who is a trustee of the Northfield schools, has been named by Governor Saltonstall a trustee of the Massachusetts State College at Amherst.

The last opportunity to register before the annual meeting of the town will be on Wednesday, January 20, at the Town hall from noon until 10 p. m.

Staff Sgt. John E. Phelps and wife, who are at Carolina Beach, N. C., were visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin C. Phelps, of Main street last week.

The entire area of the state of New Hampshire will have a test blackout announced by the defense council and approved by the army. The time is secretly held but said to be between January 10 and 17.

Mrs. George Pefferlee and Mrs. Thomas Parker are in Boston this week-end for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr have gone on a visit to his mother at Walkill, N. Y., this week-end. She is reported as not very well.

Mrs. Alice Bingham Blackwell of California is visiting her sister, Mrs. Anna B. Freeman, at her home on Main street.

Both the Assessors and Registrars are about town checking up on polls and valuations. Looks as if they expect to get the work done early this year.

Miss Furrington, the district nurse, will speak on Child Welfare at the W. C. T. U. meeting next Wednesday to which mothers are invited.

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A Sugar Ally

By Frances Lee Barton

ONCE again "honey" comes to the aid of the sugar bowl. By combining honey with sugar we are still able to prepare many desserts for those who have a "sweet tooth" and crave something like the delicacy given below:

Honey Nut Cake
2 cups sifted cake flour; 2 teaspoons double acting baking powder; ¼ teaspoon salt; ¾ cup butter or other shortening; ½ cup sugar; ½ cup honey; 3 eggs; 1 cup finely cut nut meats; ¼ cup milk; 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, and cream thoroughly; then add honey in thirds, beating well after each addition. Add ¼ of flour and beat until smooth and well blended.

Beat eggs until thick and light and nearly white; add to cake mixture and beat well. Add nuts. Add remaining flour in thirds, alternating with milk in halves, beating very well after each addition. Add vanilla. Bake in greased 9-inch tube pan in slow oven (325° F.) 1 hour and 5 minutes, or until done.

A Pleasing Parfait

By Frances Lee Barton

WELCOME nineteen forty three the right way by serving this nutritious New Year dessert. I guarantee you'll serve it again and again throughout the year — as it lends itself to ordinary meals "company dinners", parties and even to the midnight snack that so often ends a perfect day.

Coffee Tapioca Parfait
1 egg yolk; 1 cup milk; 1 cup left-over coffee; 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca; 4 tablespoons sugar; dash of salt; 1 egg white; ¼ teaspoon vanilla.

Mix egg yolk with small amount of milk in saucepan. Add remaining milk, coffee, tapioca, 2 tablespoons sugar, and salt. Bring mixture quickly to a full boil over direct heat, stirring constantly. Remove from fire. (Mixture will be thin. Do not overcook.)

Beat egg white until stiff, but not dry; add remaining 2 tablespoons sugar gradually, beating with rotary egg beater. Stir hot tapioca gradually into egg white. Cool — mixture thickens as it cools. Slightly cool, add vanilla. Chill. Hold parfait glass at an angle, and arrange tapioca in 2 layers with whipped cream between. Garnish with whipped cream and maraschino cherries. Serves 4.

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WE PRAY

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou Who has brought us thus far
on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we
pray.

THE WHITE BIRCH

The white birch is a lady in a
glittering silver gown,
A lady with the graces of the gay-
est belle in town.
In her raiment soft and dainty
she's a Dresden Shepherdess,
With her petticoats flutter as the
breezes blow her dress.

QUITE NECESSARY

As the new year opens, statisticians, experts and housewives agree on one fact. The cost of living is rising ominously. Cries for inflation controls grow louder. The "easy" way of paying for war by painless borrowing is beginning to hurt. The best possible inflation control is taxation. This control has not been applied effectively.

An additional inflation control is direct sale of war bonds to the people. The banks should receive much of the credit for successfully putting billions of dollars worth of these bonds into the hands of the public. Their efforts have helped immeasurably to stem the trend toward forced savings and reluctant restrictions which the Treasury has been reluctant to impose. The Treasury hopes to raise the present figure of 23 million workers now investing an average of 8 per cent of their pay in savings bonds, to a figure of at least 30 million workers setting aside an average of at least 10 per cent of their earnings every pay day. This means that "The banker, by virtue of his position in the community, has a special responsibility for taking off his coat and getting down to work to make the financing a success."

However, no voluntary war bond program can possibly be a success unless the American people evidence a willingness to turn from disappearing luxuries and put their money into a serious undertaking. That undertaking is winning the war, and at the same time saving the economic system by which we all live.

The Victoria Theatre Greenfield

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, January 15-17 will be seen at the Victoria, "The Strawberry Blonde," with James Cagney and Olivia de Havilland, also "Jungle Cavalcade" with Frank Buck. Other good showing follow during the week.

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Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Olson

If you're going to keep up with the Joneses in 1943, you'll be having a home vegetable garden. At least that's the way things look from where I stand.

In past letters I have given you some facts and figures on the food situation which simmer down to this. One-fourth of our nation's food supply in 1943 will go to war. Food rationing will prevent our going hungry one meal out of every four. But the pinch comes due to the fact that certain foods are more essential than others, and our regular farmers will have difficulty producing all we need of these essential products. It's a question of getting the right kind at the right place, at the right time. Vegetables, meats, and eggs are three of these essential foods.

Here in New England we have transportation to consider. Food shipments may be reduced. So as I mentioned, having a home vegetable garden is going to be right in style in 1943.

In my letter last week I promised to tell you a bit more about the home garden program now under way in the state. In November Governor Saltonstall appointed a state committee. This state committee has developed a program which is going to work out in this way. County agents and others in the county extension offices will be responsible for organizing home garden committees in the towns and cities of the state. On these town or city committees will be representatives from all organizations interested in home gardens—the garden clubs, the Orange, the women's clubs, the schools, the selectmen, etc.

It is the plan to have these town committees organized and the first meeting held by February 15. The responsibility of these town committees will be to inform the local people of the need for home food production—not only home food production but preservation such as canning and storing.

These local committees will do everything in their power to promote gardens, such as holding meetings, distributing subject matter material which will be supplied by the state committee, helping gardeners locate people who can plow, locating sources of seeds and plants and fertilizer, and also to encourage and arrange for community gardens in localities where backyard gardens are not possible.

So you can see that a rather comprehensive program is being worked out. I'm sure you will be hearing more about this garden idea in your home town paper. If anyone desiring a home garden is up a stump as to how to go about it, he should get in touch with this town garden committee when it is formed.

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"Certainly not. But why all the formality of asking permission?"

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"How do you spend your income?"

"About 30 per cent for shelter; 30 per cent for clothing; 40 per cent for food and 20 per cent for amusement."

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DO YOU KNOW THAT . . . An old mica mine in the Chester State Forest, rated by experts as one of the most promising in this part of the country, will be opened soon and intensively operated to assist in war production. . . . Temperature in Boston during December averaged 28.6 degrees, which was 6.6 degrees colder than December, 1941, and 3.9 degrees below the 55-year average. . . . Up to last March, Government war contracts awarded to Massachusetts concerns amounted to more than two billion dollars, which was nearly equal to the total manufactures of the state in a normal year. . . . More than 400 employees of the Boston Elevated Railway have joined the armed forces. . . . The three ships, Dartmouth, Eleanor and Beaver, which figured in the Boston Tea Party in 1773, were all Nantucket ships and commanded by Nantucket men, who, however, were not necessarily in sympathy with the British tax which caused the trouble. . . . Boston was the first city to use white lines to mark traffic lanes in the street; the plan was introduced in

1919 during the police strike by police Lieutenant Albert Geiger, Jr. . . . Governor Saltonstall has recommended that the chairman of the State Planning Board be appointed a member of the Emergency Public Works Commission to assist in planning long-range programs of development.

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Junior: "Well, may I have the half that's cooked?"



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Rejoiced in childish glee;
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Today another challenge comes,
In accents loud and clear—
How am I going to spend my life
Throughout the coming year?
Shall I for self and pleasure live,
And listless pass the days?
Or shall I live for Christ, the Lord,
And render Him my praise?

Lord, I would spend this year for
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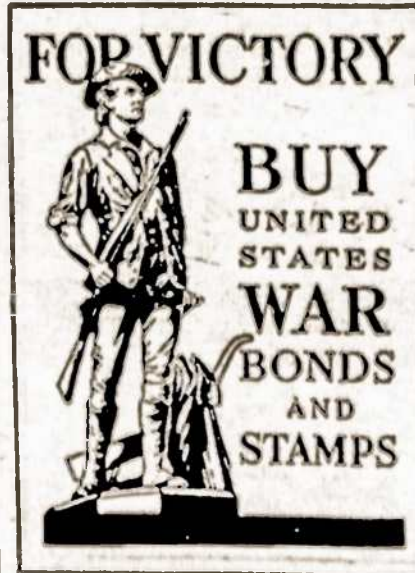
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